* **American Government**
* **Trimester Study Guide**

**Terms to know:**

Presidential government eminent domain

Parliamentary government off-year elections

Federal government Electorate

Majority rule Bicameral

Autocracy

Suffrage Continuous Body

Amendment writ of certiorari

Bill of Rights precedents

Judicial review libel

Amicus Curiae Brief slander

Veto Affirmative Action

Single-Member District Segregation

Gerrymandering Sedition

Closed and open primaries Executive Privilege

Hard and soft money writ of habeas corpus

Interest group double jeopardy

Lobbying Miranda Rule

Public policy Off Year Elections

Collective Security

Containment

Foreign Affairs Domestic Affairs

Bureaucracy Plaintiff

Defendant Majority Opinion

Dissenting Opinion Civil Liberties

Civil Rights Deportation

Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branch

Constitution Separate-but-Equal

0. What are the 5 functions of political parties?

1. How are formal amendments to the Constitution proposed?

2. What is the president’s power to veto an act of Congress an

example of?

3. How are the basic Constitutional rights of the people expressed?

4. What is federalism?

5. How do pressure groups operate?

6. What is the “elastic clause?”

7. Know the following terms: inherent powers, reserved powers, implied

powers, expressed powers.

8. Know the following terms: Supremacy clause, Full Faith and Credit

Clause, Necessary and Proper Clause, Privileges and Immunities

Clause, Due Process Clause, Establishment Clause, Free Exercise

Clause

9. What is the difference between interest groups and political parties?

* 10. Know the amendments to the U.S. Constitution: 1st ,2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 19th , 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th

11. Know the formal qualifications of:

a. Member of the House of Representatives

b. Member of the Senate

c. President of the U.S.

12. What is the length of terms of the following:

a. Member of the House of Representatives

b. Member of the Senate

c. President of the U.S.

13. How many terms may a president serve?

14. How do Cabinet members obtain their positions?

15. What is the electoral college? How many electoral votes does a

candidate need in order to win the presidency?

16. How many members are there in the Congress of the United States?

17. Who is the presiding officer of the House of Representatives? Senate?

18. How does a bill become law?

19. What are the four things a president can do with a bill once it passes

Congress?

20. What is the order of the succession created in the Presidential

Succession Act of 1947?

21. How is a new vice-president chosen in the case of a vacancy?

22. What is the process for removing a president from office?

23. Define the following: exclusive jurisdiction, concurrent jurisdiction,

original jurisdiction, appellate jurisdiction.

24. What was Marbury v. Madison? What were the effects of it?

25. What was the Lemon test? The Free Exercise Clause?

26. What kind of cases do federal district courts hear?

27. What is a grand jury?

28. Where are most cases heard?

29. Describe was Buckley v Valeo?

30. Describe Plessy V Ferguson and Brown v. Board of Education? What

was the outcomes of these two cases?

31. What was the Voting Rights Act of 1965?

32. How does the Bill of Rights limit government in the United States?

Be prepared to write a 4 paragraph essay using vocabulary from the list to describe:

1. General governmental structure
2. The Legislative Branch
3. The Executive Branch
4. The Judicial Branch

Be prepared to write about Plessy v Ferguson and Brown v Board of Education.